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MONTY DUBOSE ET AL.		)	Art Unit: 3634
Application No.	10/807,711	)	
Filed Mar	ed March 24, 2004		
For Gear Shaft Assembly		)	

## **STATUS INQUIRY**

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Dear Sir:

This is to inquire about the status of the above-cited pending patent application, which was filed approximately 13 months ago (on March 24, 2004). Checks on PAIR indicate that the application was docketed last month (3/1/05) and is ready for examination. No Office action has been received. Applicant is excited about his application and would like to know when he might expect an Office action. If we can be of assistance, please call me at 843-971-9453. Thank you.

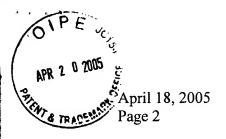
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